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People,

I would like to strongly protest any oil & gas lease sales in Routt County.

I am originally from Oklahoma and have great experience with the devastating effects of oil and natural gas extraction.

The idea of producing and transporting oil in the Yampa River drainage is insane.

The potential problems with fracking in this pristine area is not acceptable.

The leaks and spills, that are inevitable, will effect water far down stream in the Colorado river drainage.

Then there is particulate pollution on our dirt roads and degradation of the local road system, bridges from heavy truck traffic, wildlife impacts, possible methane flaring, on and on.

Currently there are around 700 reported oil spills per year in CO. More than half of these spills are 50 feet or less from water. We do not need any spills in Routt County. If there is a lease sale in this area I pledge to do everything I can to organize and protest the sales and any development proceeding any of these sales.

P.S. I have not met anyone here that is amiable to this really bad idea... i.e. I think I will have many people join me in my opposition. Hopefully we could accomplish something like the DAPL situation and shine some further light on this really bad idea?

In my humble opinion... I am glad to see the coal mines going belly up here and elsewhere and hope to see sanity rein and the rest of the fossil fuel stock will be left in the ground where it belongs.

How about some lease sales of property to develop wind and solar farms instead? I would get heavily behind that kind of action.

Sincerely,

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